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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kiron M. DAS

APPLICATION No.: 09/512,515

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FOR: IMMUNOASSAY METHOD FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF

GASTRIC INTESTINAL METAPLASIA ASSOCIATED

WITH GASTRIC CARCINOMA

EXAMINER: S. Huff

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 24, 2003

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Sir:

This paper is sent in response to the Office Action mailed on June 24, 2003. Applicant requests a one-month extension with this reply. Please make the following amendments to the claims and consider the remarks that follow.

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